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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,768,539	Metz et al.	Jun 16, 1998
5,838,383	Chimoto et al.	Nov 17, 1998

The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Written Opinion (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/US00/07747 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

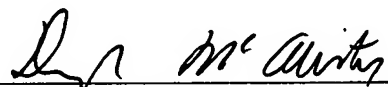
Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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